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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Tunisia

SUBJECT Continuing Moslem Agitation in Tunisia NO. OF PAGES 1

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SOURCE A Lebanese ex-officer who does much traveling.

1. Intimate friends of the Grand Mufti state that he has begun to establish a secret organization to support the independence movement in Tunisia. His collaborator in the campaign is the former minister Ben Yussuf, now in France. Ben Yussuf is in contact, indirectly, with Abdul Azis Mensari, Tunisian Minister of Agriculture. Agents keep Ben Yussuf in constant touch with everything done by the Francophile ministers, including their decisions.
2. Secret agents are already planted in all principal interior cities. They will cooperate with local nationalist chiefs.
3. All of this scheme is managed from Cairo. The Grand Mufti is entering into the plan vigorously and there is much enthusiasm for it in Damascus nationalist circles, who are Arabs who take very large views of the Arab question.

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